

REMARKS

The present Amendment and Request for Continued Examination filed herewith are in response to the Office Action mailed October 21, 2009. This amendment incorporates the amendments and comments of the amendment filed December 15, 2009. Therefore the Examiner need not enter the December 15, 2009 amendment nor have Applicants requested entry of same.

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner rejected all of the pending claims in the application. Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 20020049912 to Honjo et al. ("*Honjo*"). Claims 2-21, 31-33 and 38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Honjo* in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 20030172270 to Newcombe et al. ("*Newcombe*").

Initially, Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for his patience and assistance during the telephone interviews of November 18, 2009 and January 12, 2010, between the Examiner and the undersigned.

During the interview of November 18, 2009, the Examiner agreed with Applicants' prior argument that *Honjo*, specifically *Honjo's* paragraph [0014], does not disclose performing authentication by communicating information between *Honjo's* www server and ticket granting server. Rather, the *Honjo's* client communicates independently with each server. The Examiner also indicated that the language of claims 1, 4, and 13 was confusing, but did not read on *Honjo*. The Examiner also suggested incorporating the language of claim 32 into claims 1, 4, and 13 and their dependent claims in order to clarify these claims. The Examiner also noted that the user of "terminal" in the claims was also confusing. Finally, the Examiner suggested including granting access to information into claims 1, 4 and 13 in order to avoid a 35 U.S.C. § 101 rejection.

During the interview of January 18, 2010, the Examiner and the undersigned discussed each of the independent claims 1, 4, 13, 31, 32, and 38. Based on the amendments of December 15, 2009, the Examiner indicated that claims 1, 13, and 32 were clear, but that claims 4, 31 and 38 required further amendments. As suggested by the Examiner, Applicants have amended claim 4 to incorporate additional features, specifically receiving means. As claims 13 and 31 were similar, the Examiner suggested amending claim 31 similarly to claim 13. Finally, the Examiner suggested amending claim 38 to include the term "unique source identifier" as recited in various claims and specifically claim 1. Again, Applicants thank the Examiner for his suggestions and believe that the amendments herein are consistent with those discussed during the November 18, 2009 and January 12, 2010 interviews.

As discussed during the interview of November 18, 2009, claim 32 recites "A providing server comprising: . . . apparatus authentication information providing means for providing said apparatus authentication information or said source information to an apparatus authentication server for authenticating said client device." As acknowledged by the Examiner in the interview, *Honjo* does not disclose a server providing source information to an authentication server for authentication as in claim 32. *Newcombe* fails to make up for this deficiency in *Honjo*. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that given the amendments to independent claims 1, 4, 13, 31, and 38, to similarly recite this feature all the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request same.

As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Office Action have been fully met, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested

that he telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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